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MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS · DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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Missouri labor market conditions continued to improve substantially in April, with employment rising sharply and unemployment continuing to drop. Most of the decrease in unemployment appears to be seasonal, but the increase in employment is greater than the usual seasonal amount. Overall, state conditions appear to be very similar to the national situation; unemployment seems to have about bottomed out despite continuing employment growth.

The number of jobless Missourians decreased by 17,900 in April, as the unemployment rate dropped eight-tenths of a percentage point to 8.0 percent. At the same time, total employment surged by 47,700 to 2,206,000. Adding this to the substantial seasonal gains in employment experienced in February and March, total employment has grown by about 120,000 since January's seasonal trough. More telling is the fact that labor force estimates show about 102,000 more Missourians employed in April 1984 than in the same month a year earlier, since this comparison shows longer-run growth without purely seasonal changes. Over the 12 month period, unemployment dropped by 66,200, as the unemployment rate plunged by 2.9 percentage points from April 1983's 10.9 percent.

The labor force has begun to experience more rapid growth, increasing by 36,100 between April 1983 and April 1984. Still, this growth is moderate compared to that experienced in previous recoveries, a fact which has contributed to the unexpectedly rapid drop in unemployment.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
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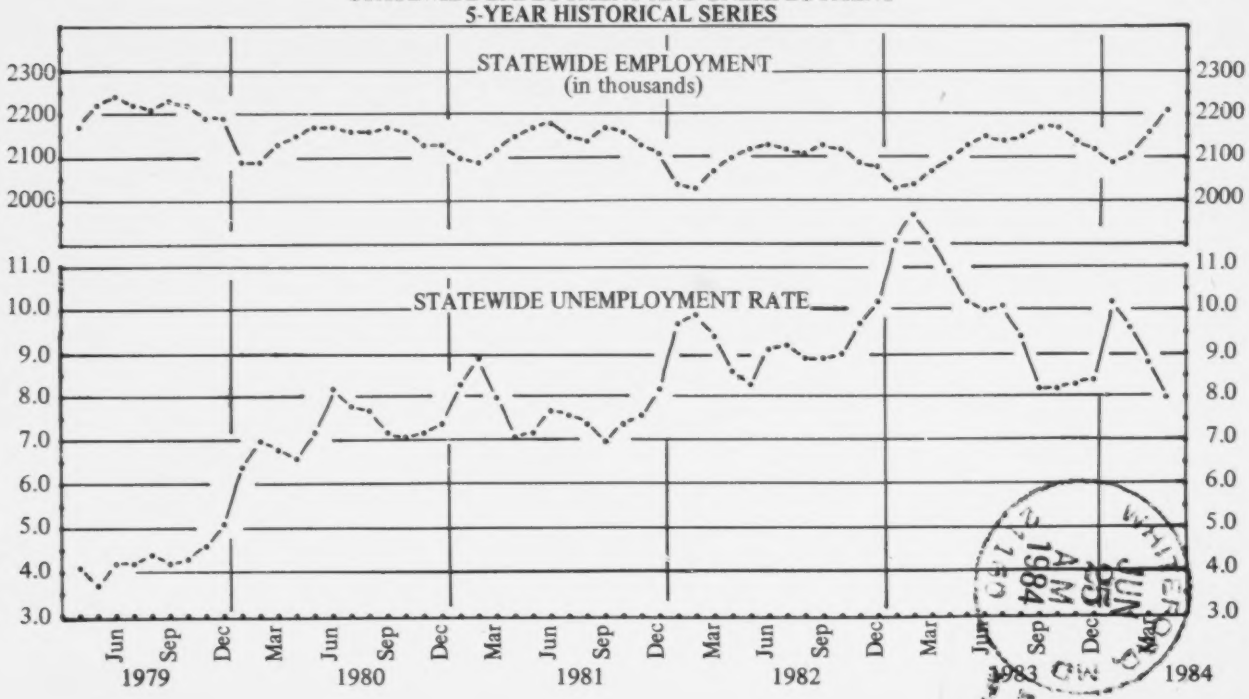

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TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - APR 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - MAR 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - APR 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2397174	2206018	191156	8.0	2367367	2158314	209053	8.8	2361144	2103696	257448	10.9
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1161066	1058856	102210	8.8	1161116	1047437	113679	9.8	1143664	1014987	128677	11.3
KANSAS CITY SMSA	693940	651945	41995	6.1	686185	641489	44696	6.5	687054	623717	63337	9.2
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	115457	108603	6854	5.9	114740	107230	7510	6.5	113036	103129	9907	8.8
COLUMBIA SMSA	59554	56994	2560	4.3	58890	56090	2800	4.8	55505	52527	2978	5.4
JOPLIN SMSA	59100	54832	4268	7.2	58563	53674	4889	8.3	57978	52286	5692	9.8
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	46975	42599	4376	9.3	46047	41406	4641	10.1	46709	40902	5807	12.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	17014	15644	1370	8.1	16744	15408	1336	8.0	16554	15182	1372	8.3
ATCHISON	4606	3990	616	13.4	4464	3759	705	15.8	5089	4862	227	4.5
AUDRAIN	11308	10435	873	7.7	11018	10047	971	8.8	11015	9510	1505	13.7
BARRY	11291	10515	776	6.9	11115	10245	870	7.8	11430	10330	1100	9.6
BARTON	5151	4923	228	4.4	4934	4697	237	4.8	4874	4520	354	7.3
BATES	7723	7160	563	7.3	7632	6971	661	8.7	7717	7029	688	8.9
BENTON	5348	4789	559	10.5	5112	4548	564	11.0	5315	4775	540	10.2
BOLLINGER	3248	2613	635	19.6	3312	2583	729	22.0	3385	2591	794	23.5
BUTLER	16715	14665	2050	12.3	16280	13958	2322	14.3	16091	13415	2676	16.6
CALDWELL	3745	3448	297	7.9	3609	3290	319	8.8	3858	3406	452	11.7
CALLAWAY	20654	19243	1411	6.8	20686	19204	1482	7.2	21529	19626	1903	8.8
CAMDEN	12668	11691	977	7.7	11708	10402	1306	11.2	11517	10535	982	8.5
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31395	29472	1923	6.1	31312	29097	2215	7.1	31229	28059	3170	10.2
CARROLL	4747	4274	473	10.0	4635	4111	524	11.3	4762	4222	540	11.3
CARTER	3008	2696	312	10.4	2977	2612	365	12.3	2823	2479	344	12.2
CEDAR	4567	4177	390	8.5	4416	4033	383	8.7	4266	3824	442	10.4
CHARITON	4889	4572	317	6.5	4687	4322	365	7.8	4755	4363	392	8.2
CLARK	3064	2696	368	12.0	3100	2739	361	11.6	3548	2933	615	17.3
CLINTON	7572	7056	516	6.8	7267	6715	552	7.6	7385	6653	732	9.9
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37081	34296	2785	7.5	36313	33436	2877	7.9	35749	32781	2968	8.3
COOPER	6946	6430	516	7.4	6883	6295	588	8.5	7163	6594	569	7.9
CRAWFORD	7684	6938	746	9.7	7453	6598	855	11.5	7575	6600	975	12.9
DADE	3844	3682	162	4.2	3761	3573	188	5.0	3736	3469	267	7.1
DALLAS	4512	4066	446	9.9	4330	3875	455	10.5	4726	4113	613	13.0
DAVIESS	3144	2782	362	11.5	3034	2624	410	13.5	3051	2624	427	14.0
DEKALB	3374	3110	264	7.8	3268	3003	265	8.1	3258	2939	319	9.8
DENT	6070	5389	681	11.2	5989	5290	699	11.7	6390	5465	925	14.5
DOUGLAS	4714	4276	438	9.3	4506	4051	455	10.1	4499	3980	519	11.5
DUNKLIN	13444	11699	1745	13.0	13287	11370	1917	14.4	13840	10953	2887	20.9
GASCONADE	7107	6647	460	6.5	6891	6389	502	7.3	6730	6086	644	9.6
GENTRY	4086	3832	254	6.2	3908	3619	289	7.4	4137	3883	254	6.1
GRUNDY	5257	4752	505	9.6	5131	4575	556	10.8	5300	4677	623	11.8
HARRISON	5124	4714	410	8.0	4846	4393	453	9.3	4841	4495	346	7.1
HENRY	9353	8655	698	7.5	9108	8373	735	8.1	9356	8549	807	8.6
HICKORY	2382	2130	252	10.6	2305	2006	299	13.0	2250	2027	223	9.9
HOLT	3385	3127	258	7.6	3271	2948	323	9.9	3345	3105	240	7.2
HOWARD	4812	4495	317	6.6	4774	4426	348	7.3	4552	4118	434	9.5
HOWELL	13569	12238	1331	9.8	13363	11956	1407	10.5	13117	11527	1590	12.1
IRON	4563	3817	746	16.3	4522	3802	720	15.9	4734	4057	677	14.3
JOHNSON	16625	15758	867	5.2	16081	15177	904	5.6	15593	14538	1055	6.8
KNOX	2546	2247	299	11.7	2440	2151	289	11.8	2538	2252	286	11.3
LACLEDE	11354	10472	882	7.8	11195	10184	1011	9.0	10940	9944	996	9.1
LAFAYETTE	14716	13786	930	6.3	14357	13333	1024	7.1	14653	13054	1599	10.9
LAWRENCE	12515	11388	1127	9.0	12409	11195	1214	9.8	11821	10591	1230	10.4

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LEWIS	5581	4974	607	10.9	5543	4848	695	12.5	5430	4459	971	17.9
LINCOLN	10199	9157	1042	10.2	10064	8920	1144	11.4	10258	9103	1155	11.3
LINN	8028	7282	746	9.3	7858	7005	853	10.9	8290	6998	1292	15.6
LIVINGSTON	6965	6165	800	11.5	6931	6174	757	10.9	7124	6209	915	12.8
MACON	7071	6477	594	8.4	6790	6157	633	9.3	6802	6077	725	10.7
MADISON	3885	3345	540	13.9	3855	3314	541	14.0	4039	3387	652	16.1
MARIES	2668	2380	288	10.8	2596	2310	286	11.0	2830	2430	400	14.1
MARION/RALLS LMA	18436	16550	1886	10.2	18046	16034	2012	11.1	18598	16084	2514	13.5
MCDONALD	5719	5244	475	8.3	5551	4976	575	10.4	5546	4979	567	10.2
MERCER	1935	1742	193	10.0	1819	1637	182	10.0	1864	1724	140	7.5
MILLER	10689	9525	1164	10.9	10225	8763	1462	14.3	10378	9011	1367	13.2
MISSISSIPPI	6524	5696	828	12.7	6478	5563	915	14.1	6636	5600	1036	15.6
MONITEAU	4952	4447	505	10.2	4876	4337	539	11.1	4705	4255	450	9.6
MONROE	4814	4497	317	6.6	4489	4190	299	6.7	4516	4012	504	11.2
MONTGOMERY	5524	5078	446	8.1	5274	4767	507	9.6	5492	4906	586	10.7
MORGAN	5932	5369	563	9.5	5593	4879	714	12.8	5694	5046	648	11.4
NEW MADRID	11460	10309	1151	10.0	11448	10221	1227	10.7	10660	9228	1432	13.4
NODAWAY	10771	10177	594	5.5	10504	9805	699	6.7	10650	10093	557	5.2
OREGON	3089	2716	373	12.1	3076	2665	411	13.4	3039	2616	423	13.9
OZARK	4220	3839	381	9.0	3940	3529	411	10.4	3759	3432	327	8.7
PEMISCOT	8334	7220	1114	13.4	8252	7106	1146	13.9	8267	6816	1451	17.6
PERRY	7121	6531	590	8.3	6932	6265	667	9.6	7058	6206	852	12.1
PETTIS	16576	15193	1383	8.3	16344	14826	1518	9.3	16075	14082	1993	12.4
PHELPS	15814	14659	1155	7.3	15561	14325	1236	7.9	15639	14145	1494	9.6
PIKE	7301	6373	928	12.7	7201	6166	1035	14.4	7292	6219	1073	14.7
POLK	8966	8476	490	5.5	8901	8307	594	6.7	8399	7624	775	9.2
PULASKI	9101	8358	743	8.2	8931	8078	853	9.6	8877	8014	863	9.7
PUTNAM	3095	2781	314	10.1	2990	2663	327	10.9	3136	2790	346	11.0
RANDOLPH	11887	10933	954	8.0	11694	10715	979	8.4	11765	10221	1544	13.1
REYNOLDS	2554	2101	453	17.7	2502	2004	498	19.9	2805	2130	675	24.1
RIPLEY	3354	2869	485	14.5	3326	2796	530	15.9	3519	2714	805	22.9
SALINE	14022	13242	780	5.6	13680	12855	825	6.0	13534	12594	940	6.9
SCOTLAND	2419	2228	191	7.9	2351	2120	231	9.8	2401	2186	215	9.0
SCOTT	17613	15599	2014	11.4	17416	15396	2020	11.6	18547	15929	2618	14.1
SHANNON	3358	2710	648	19.3	3342	2590	752	22.5	3064	2507	557	18.2
SHELBY	3294	3030	264	8.0	3142	2896	246	7.8	3218	2932	286	8.9
ST. CLAIR	3850	3540	310	8.1	3834	3485	349	9.1	3751	3443	308	8.2
ST. FRANCOIS	20591	18270	2321	11.3	19851	17361	2490	12.5	20064	17284	2780	13.9
STE. GENEVIEVE	5854	5228	626	10.7	5739	5132	607	10.6	6013	5288	725	12.1
STODDARD	12887	11320	1567	12.2	12721	10889	1832	14.4	13178	11135	2043	15.5
STONE	7405	6380	1025	13.8	7202	5703	1499	20.8	7741	6753	988	12.8
SULLIVAN	3619	3268	351	9.7	3475	3144	331	9.5	3236	2975	261	8.1
TANEY	13693	12167	1526	11.1	12323	10189	2134	17.3	12548	11058	1490	11.9
TEXAS	8218	7253	965	11.7	8057	6913	1144	14.2	7838	6679	1159	14.8
VERNON	9777	9174	603	6.2	9525	8926	599	6.3	9484	8913	571	6.0
WARREN	6328	5712	616	9.7	6147	5459	688	11.2	5908	5153	755	12.8
WASHINGTON	4732	3728	1004	21.2	4648	3624	1024	22.0	5321	3672	1649	31.0
WAYNE	4488	3738	750	16.7	4299	3512	787	18.3	4042	3362	680	16.8
WEBSTER	7470	6724	746	10.0	7595	6800	795	10.5	7900	6768	1132	14.3
WORTH	1129	1049	80	7.1	1101	988	113	10.3	1158	1014	144	12.4
WRIGHT	7705	6916	789	10.2	7432	6652	780	10.5	7053	6275	778	11.0

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
MARCH, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1948.1	1926.9	1909.6									
Total Manufacturing	417.5	416.7	393.2	377.71	370.58	348.96	41.1	40.5	39.7	9.19	9.15	8.79
Durable Goods	236.0	325.7	215.5	423.85	415.07	391.55	42.3	41.8	41.0	10.02	9.93	9.55
Lumber & Wood Products	9.2	9.0	8.8	229.46	232.65	208.69	38.5	39.1	37.2	5.96	5.95	5.61
Furniture & Fixtures	9.0	9.1	8.5	287.03	287.34	292.45	40.2	40.3	41.6	7.14	7.13	7.03
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.8	10.5	10.6	417.06	406.07	389.09	42.0	41.1	40.7	9.93	9.88	9.56
Cement, Hydraulic	1.1	1.1	1.2	541.49	582.78	508.91	40.2	42.2	38.7	13.47	13.81	13.15
Structural Clay Prod.	2.3	2.2	2.1	441.28	452.97	441.40	39.4	40.3	40.2	11.20	11.24	10.98
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.4	7.2	7.3	390.39	365.86	358.85	42.9	41.2	41.2	9.10	8.88	8.71
Primary Metal Industries	13.5	13.5	12.2	445.22	456.50	438.90	40.9	41.2	39.9	11.13	11.08	11.00
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.9	1.6	364.63	363.85	306.09	42.3	41.3	35.8	8.62	8.81	8.55
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.7	2.7	2.3	347.33	331.01	320.90	42.1	41.9	41.3	8.25	7.90	7.77
Other Primary Metals	8.9	8.9	8.3	523.06	523.16	512.27	40.8	41.0	40.4	12.82	12.76	12.68
Fabricated Metal Products	28.4	28.6	27.0	393.95	384.40	387.32	41.6	41.2	40.9	9.47	9.33	9.47
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.5	9.8	10.2	383.11	351.65	379.99	40.8	38.6	39.5	9.39	9.11	9.62
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.9	18.8	16.8									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.0	31.1	29.3	401.47	394.00	380.15	40.8	40.0	40.1	9.84	9.85	9.48
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	47.4	47.2	43.7	369.29	364.56	356.09	41.4	41.1	40.1	8.92	8.87	8.88
Transportation Equipment	68.1	68.0	57.1	584.77	561.60	527.56	46.3	45.0	43.6	12.63	12.48	12.10
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.0	30.0	19.4	620.19	590.53	567.34	49.3	47.7	47.2	12.58	12.38	12.02
Other Transportation Equip.	38.1	38.0	37.7	522.34	511.81	482.30	41.0	40.3	39.5	12.74	12.70	12.21
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.6	316.06	322.98	308.90	41.1	42.0	42.2	7.69	7.69	7.32
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.7	6.8	6.7	262.92	255.84	241.34	39.3	38.3	38.8	6.69	6.68	6.22
Nondurable Goods	181.5	181.0	177.7	319.95	315.87	300.66	39.5	38.9	38.3	8.10	8.12	7.85
Food & Kindred Products	44.9	44.9	45.0	377.45	373.01	347.77	41.8	41.4	39.7	9.03	9.01	8.76
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.8	11.8	11.6	271.36	374.99	290.66	42.4	42.7	39.6	6.40	6.44	7.34
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.4	424.57	412.16	335.96	45.8	44.8	39.9	9.27	9.20	8.42
Grain Mill Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	409.86	387.47	350.02	41.4	39.7	37.0	9.90	9.76	9.46
Bakery Products	5.7	5.7	5.6	376.49	369.98	354.00	38.3	37.6	37.7	9.83	9.84	9.39
Beverages	10.0	10.0	9.7	515.81	521.40	465.37	39.8	39.5	41.7	12.96	13.20	11.16

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				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.1	4.1	4.3	389.25	387.90	376.66	41.9	41.8	42.9	9.29	9.28	8.78
Textile & Apparel	26.6	26.3	24.6	189.02	185.85	190.77	35.8	35.4	36.2	5.28	5.25	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	13.2	13.1	12.5	363.86	355.37	355.68	40.7	40.2	41.6	8.94	8.84	8.55
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.1	367.84	371.13	378.78	40.6	41.1	42.8	9.06	9.03	8.85
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.8	6.7	6.4	359.79	341.60	333.32	40.7	39.4	40.5	8.84	8.67	8.23
Printing & Publishing	37.4	37.3	36.9	360.05	367.09	340.28	38.1	38.6	37.6	9.45	9.51	9.05
Commercial Printing	12.3	12.3	11.7	421.45	435.07	403.69	40.1	41.2	39.5	10.51	10.56	10.22
Other Printing & Publishing	25.1	25.0	25.2	303.47	303.60	287.64	36.3	36.1	36.0	8.36	8.41	7.99
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.5	27.6	27.2	440.66	433.21	401.53	42.7	42.1	40.6	10.32	10.29	9.89
Leather & Leather Products	18.8	18.8	19.1	197.62	184.04	177.33	36.8	34.4	34.3	5.37	5.35	5.17
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.8	14.7	14.8	192.75	181.07	172.72	36.3	34.1	33.8	5.31	5.31	5.11
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.0	4.1	4.3	216.50	194.70	192.24	38.8	35.4	36.0	5.58	5.50	5.34
Other Nondurable Goods	13.1	13.0	12.4	309.48	304.21	279.18	41.1	40.4	39.6	7.53	7.53	7.05
Total Nonmanufacturing	1530.6	1510.2	1516.4									
Mining	5.9	6.4	6.5									
Construction	73.2	68.3	72.3									
Transportation & Public Util.	135.3	134.8	130.9									
Railroad Transportation	13.1	13.0	13.2									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	65.9	65.5	64.9									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.3	56.3	52.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	456.6	448.2	453.7									
Wholesale Trade	125.8	125.7	124.6									
Retail Trade	330.8	322.5	329.1									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.4	108.5	110.4									
Services	413.7	408.1	410.0									
Government	336.5	335.9	332.6									
Federal Government	70.0	69.4	68.5									
State & Local Government	266.5	266.5	264.1									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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Nonagricultural wage and salary employment also increased in April, with the number of nonfarm payroll jobs growing by 21,200 from the March total to 1,948,100. This monthly gain was about what would be expected seasonally. Estimated growth in this place-of-work measure of employment has been much more moderate than in total employment. Over the past year, nonfarm payroll employment has grown by 38,500 jobs. This increase can be broken down roughly into four parts: slightly more than one-fourth of the increase occurred in the motor vehicles and equipment industry, one-fourth in other durable goods manufacturing industries, nearly four-tenths in the nonmanufacturing industries, and the remaining one-tenth in nondurable goods manufacturing.

The automobile industry has shown much greater than expected growth. Employment in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing is now at 30,000 jobs, the highest level in four years and back to nearly three-fourths of peak employment. Further, the workweek in this industry remains quite strong, with average weekly hours of production workers increasing by 1.6 hours from March to 40.3 hours in April. Much the same is true in other manufacturing industries, with the overall factory workweek increasing by six-tenths of an hour to 41.1 hours in April, one of the highest levels on record. The increase in average weekly hours pushed average weekly earnings up by $7.13 to $377.71, as average hourly earnings increased by 4 cents to $9.19. Average weekly earnings were 8.2 percent higher in April than a year earlier.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The national unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) remained at 7.8 percent in April, the third consecutive month to show this figure. After the sharp drops of the previous 15 months, this seemed to suggest at least a slowdown in the rate of recovery. However, total employment also grew sharply in April; substantial growth in the labor force, primarily among women, prevented unemployment from dropping. Just as in Missouri, the factory workweek rose sharply, to 41.2 hours, one of the highest levels in decades.

At this point, the economy seems still to be performing well, although some of the improvement in April probably represents a rebound from the weather-depressed economic conditions of March. There is probably some room yet for employment growth, as suggested by the unusually high levels of the workweek, but growth in the labor force may serve to limit further drops in unemployment.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI — APRIL, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,397,200	2,367,400	2,361,100	29,800	36,100
Total Employed	2,206,000	1,258,300	2,103,700	47,700	102,300
Total Unemployed	191,200	209,100	257,400	-17,900	-66,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	8.0	8.8	10.9	-0.8	-2.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,948,100	1,926,900	1,909,600	21,200	38,500
Manufacturing	417,500	416,700	393,200	800	24,300
Durable Goods	236,000	235,700	215,500	300	20,500
Nondurable Goods	181,500	181,000	177,700	500	3,800
Nonmanufacturing	1,530,600	1,510,200	1,516,400	20,400	14,200
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	7,165	8,398	10,417	-1,233	-3,252
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	44,968	58,610	68,974	-13,642	-24,006
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.1	4.2	-0.5	-1.6
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	5,317	5,833	8,806	-516	-3,489
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,870,379	$19,208,576	$24,031,258	-$5,338,197	-$10,160,879
State U.I.	13,555,037	18,791,997	23,623,909	-5,236,960	-10,068,872
UCFE	165,005	231,513	162,648	-66,508	2,357
UCX	150,337	185,066	244,701	-34,729	-94,364

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

APRIL, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

The Area labor market continued its recent upward trend in April 1984. The total number of employed workers increased by 10,400 as 2,700 jobless workers and 7,700 new workers entering the labor force found employment over-the-month. Modest changes in the goods-producing sector combined with widespread seasonal increases in the nonmanufacturing sector to produce a drop of 0.5 percentage points in the unemployment rate. The current unemployment rate of 6.1 per cent compares quite favorably to the 1983 rate of 9.2 per cent, which was the highest April unemployment rate the metropolitan area has experienced in ten years.

Wage and salaried employment in April 1984 was 623,000, up by 5,900 from the March 1984 total of 617,100. Minor offsetting changes in electrical equipment, transportation equipment, apparel and printing and publishing left manufacturing employment virtually unchanged from March to April. The only significant changes in employment over-the-month occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. The Area's three most seasonally oriented industries, services which increased by 2,100 jobs, retail trade, which gained 1,200 jobs and construction which posted 800 additional jobs, accounted for over seventy per cent of the jobs gained during the month. Other notable gains, in wholesale trade with 800 additional jobs, transportation, communication and public utilities with 400 jobs and finance, insurance and real estate with 300 jobs, appeared to result from a combination of seasonal and economic factors. In addition, federal government reached its annual high point with another 300 workers added to handle income tax returns.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 20,400 from April 1983 to April 1984 with gains of 9,300 jobs in manufacturing and 11,100 jobs in nonmanufacturing. Most of the expansion in the manufacturing sector occurred in the durable goods sector. Transportation equipment increased by 4,200 over-the-year to a total of 14,100 jobs and registered its highest employment level since April 1980, when total employment in the industry was 15,400. Continuing demand for communications and electronic equipment produced an employment gain of 1,700 jobs in electrical equipment manufacturing over-the-year. Improvements in the auto industry and construction have contributed to 12-month increases of 1,000 in fabricated metals and 600 jobs in machinery. Increased consumer demand has led to across-the-board increases in nondurables. In addition to food and kindred products up by 500, apparel up by 400, printing and publishing up by 600 and paper and allied up by 200, lumber and furniture registered gains of 400 jobs. Minor losses were recorded over-the-year in stone, clay and glass, primary metals and petroleum, which have noted losses since 1981. All major nonmanufacturing industries, except state and local government, experienced 12-month gains in employment. Construction employment reached its highest April level since 1981 with the addition of 3,600 jobs. Continuing its steady growth, services added another 3,100 jobs to the Area's total. Other large gainers were wholesale trade with 2,000 jobs, finance, insurance and real estate with 1,600 jobs and retail trade with 1,400 jobs. Smaller gains were posted in federal government with 600 jobs and transportation, communication and utilities with 400 jobs.

Total unemployment on a place-of-resident basis was 42,000 in April 1984 for 6.1 per cent of the labor force, compared with 44,700 in March 1984 for 6.5 per cent of the labor force and 63,300 in April 1983 for 9.2 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The Area labor market should show only small improvement from April to May 1984. Continued optimism will be reflected in increases in employment, primarily in the seasonal sectors. Construction should increase as new construction projects begin. Services and retail trade should experience seasonal increases above last year's levels as a result of good weather conditions and increased spending by consumers. With residential and commercial construction activity expanding, the manufacturing sector should show small employment increases. Lay offs of tax processors should begin in May and contribute to lower federal government employment. Unemployment is expected to be 5.9 per cent of the labor force in May 1984, compared with 6.1 per cent in April 1984 and 8.3 per cent in May 1983.

Total unemployment will rise sharply in June 1984 as improving economic conditions spur a larger than usual number of summer workers into the labor market with high expectations of finding work. Seasonal gains and the stronger economy should produce employment gains in construction, manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade and services. Government employment will decline as additional tax processors are laid off at the federal level and school employees are laid off. Unemployment is expected to be 6.0 per cent of the labor force in June 1984, compared with 8.3 per cent in June 1983.

SPECIAL ENERGY REPORT

No new developments have been reported.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 36,822 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of April 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	19.2
	22-44	64.0
	45 and over	16.8
Sex:	Male	63.2
	Female	36.8
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	31.6
	Other Non-White	1.1
	Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	48.5
Veterans	22.6
Handicapped	2.8

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated April 30, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During April 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,813 and job placements totaled 2,023. There were 1,583 veteran referrals in April 1984, with 415 veteran placements. During March 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service office in the Kansas City Area totaled 6,795 and job placements 2,020. There were 1,378 veteran referrals in March 1984, with 285 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated April 30, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) APRIL, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.4	17.2	16.1
25-34	38.4	34.1	36.7
35-44	21.3	21.9	21.5
45-54	13.2	15.1	14.0
55-64	10.9	10.0	10.6
65 and over	0.6	1.7	1.0
Unreported	0.2	0.0	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.3
Mining	0.2
Construction	13.5
Manufacturing	18.7
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	4.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	20.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.1
Services	27.2
All Other	12.0
Information not available	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11.8
Clerical	17.1
Sales	4.9
Services	15.0
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.6
Processing	1.5
Machine Trades	5.8
Bench Work	4.6
Structural Work	12.3
Miscellaneous	14.8
Information not available	11.6

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,507; 4,590 were male and 2,916 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data April, 1984

Item	Number of jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	623,000	617,100	602,600	+5,900	+20,400
Total Manufacturing	115,100	115,000	105,800	+100	+9,300
Durable Goods	66,600	66,700	59,100	-100	+7,500
Lumber & Furniture	2,800	2,800	2,400	0	+400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,400	8,400	0	+1,000
Machinery Except Electrical	8,500	8,500	7,900	0	+600
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,000	20,900	19,300	+100	+1,700
Transportation Equipment	14,300	14,400	10,200	-100	+4,100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,100)	(14,200)	(9,900)	(-100)	(+4,200)
Other Durable Goods	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	48,500	48,300	46,700	+200	+1,800
Food & Kindred Products	9,400	9,400	8,900	0	+500
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,500	2,200	+100	+400
Paper & Allied Products	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	+200
Printing & Publishing	18,200	18,100	17,600	+100	+600
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,200	8,200	8,200	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	507,900	502,100	496,800	+5,800	+11,100
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	22,700	21,900	19,100	+800	+3,600
Transportation & Utilities	50,000	49,600	49,600	+400	+400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	158,600	156,600	155,200	+2,000	+3,400
Wholesale Trade	(52,300)	(51,500)	(50,300)	(+800)	(+2,000)
Retail Trade	(106,300)	(105,100)	(104,900)	(+1,200)	(+1,400)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	48,100	47,800	46,500	+300	+1,600
Services	137,700	135,600	134,600	+2,100	+3,100
Government	90,300	90,100	91,300	+200	-1,000
Federal Government	(24,400)	(24,100)	(23,800)	(+300)	(+600)
State & Local Government	(65,900)	(66,100)	(67,500)	(-200)	(-1,600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$434.51	$421.02	$395.92	41.5	40.6	40.4	$10.47	$10.37	$9.80
DURABLE GOODS	467.60	448.80	427.00	41.9	40.8	40.9	11.16	11.00	10.44
Lumber & Furniture	331.55	321.36	282.37	41.6	41.2	37.8	7.97	7.80	7.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	482.00	471.87	432.90	40.0	40.4	39.0	12.05	11.68	11.10
Primary Metal Industries	450.58	451.88	542.02	41.3	40.6	38.9	10.91	11.13	11.62
Fabricated Metal Products	374.03	357.75	358.41	40.7	39.4	39.0	9.19	9.08	9.19
Machinery Exc. Electrical	411.45	418.97	412.41	39.0	39.6	41.2	10.55	10.58	10.01
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	437.33	434.28	406.96	42.5	42.0	40.9	10.29	10.34	9.95
Transportation Equipment	633.39	577.37	585.54	44.2	41.3	44.8	14.33	13.98	13.07
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(638.36)	(581.67)	(596.29)	(44.3)	(41.4)	(44.8)	(14.41)	(14.05)	(13.31)
Other Durable Goods	250.39	246.27	227.29	38.7	38.3	38.2	6.47	6.43	5.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	375.25	371.05	346.10	40.7	40.2	39.6	9.22	9.23	8.74
Food & Kindred Products	417.80	404.98	406.00	44.4	42.9	43.1	9.41	9.44	9.42
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	197.12	192.15	191.35	35.2	35.0	35.5	5.60	5.49	5.39
Paper & Allied Products	374.18	359.79	338.66	41.3	40.7	41.2	9.06	8.84	8.22
Printing & Publishing	386.08	394.63	365.30	38.0	38.5	37.2	10.16	10.25	9.82
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	444.51	444.91	414.32	40.3	40.3	39.8	11.03	11.04	10.41
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	337.35	353.87	324.14	39.0	41.1	39.1	8.65	8.61	8.29
Other Nondurable Goods	305.20	299.29	238.78	43.6	41.8	38.7	7.00	7.16	6.17

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

APRIL, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate declined from 9.8% in March to 8.8% in April. Unemployment declined over the month by 11500. Unemployment rate decreases normally occur from March to April, but this year's drop was more than normal. This year's decline is due to normal seasonal factors along with the continued improvement in the local economy and outdoor activity's recovery from the cold and wet weather in March. Over the year, unemployment declined by 26500 and employment increased by 43900. The unemployment rate in April, 1983 as 11.3%. Unemployment rates for the St. Louis SMSA have not been below 9.0% since December, 1981, when the rate stood at 8.4%. During the area's 1980-83 recession, the unemployment rate peaked at 12.3% in February, 1983. Since that time, unemployment has declined by 27700 and employment has increased by 63700. There were 100 labor disputants in April, 1984, March 1984, and April, 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased by only 300 over the month. Motor vehicles added another 400 bringing April's employment figure in that industry up to 18,200. All other industries registered little or no change. Over the year, manufacturing added 10300 workers. Significant employment increases occurred in motor vehicles (+8000), nonelectrical machinery (+1600), and printing and publishing (+700). Food and kindred, down 600, continued to be the manufacturing industry that has lost the most workers over the year.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing increased by 7300 over the month. Improved weather conditions caused construction employment to increase by 2100 and the service industry, led by amusement and recreation, by 3500. Seasonal increases also occurred in transportation, trade, and real estate. Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 12500. Services (+5300), trade (+3900), construction (+3500), and transportation (+1100) all continued to show substantial improvement over 1983 levels. State and local government (-1600) was the major job loser.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 4500 in April from March, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 3200 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1300.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Jan. '84	Feb.	March	April
INA	2	2	2	2
Agriculture	162	129	144	67
Mining	32	34	55	35
Construction	4734	3013	4106	2591
Manufacturing Total	4218	3614	3926	3285
Food	547	548	556	422
Textile	33	29	26	35
Apparel	314	182	158	206
Lumber	85	44	37	39
Furniture	75	87	91	98
Paper	97	122	111	100
Printing	144	175	202	172
Chemicals	227	204	207	168
Petroleum	32	22	30	20
Rubber	92	87	123	103
Leather	327	187	341	234
Stone	149	80	97	74
Primary Metal	197	167	191	152
Fabricated Metal	539	442	437	376
Machinery	141	125	111	113
Electrical Machinery	267	253	245	231
Transportation Equip.	261	254	324	188
Instruments	43	56	39	33
Miscellaneous	643	549	594	520
Public Utilities	792	823	857	694
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2686	2745	2800	2456
Finance	404	337	378	342
Services	5765	6173	6179	5342
All Other	425	431	404	347
TOTAL	19220	17301	18941	15161

Of the 15,161 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in April, 1984, 60.8 percent were male and 39.2 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Jan. '84	Feb.	March	April
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1654	1774	1853	1696
Clerical	2593	2529	2693	2434
Sales	752	770	790	705
Farm, Fish & Forest	310	275	262	146
Processing	348	287	301	228
Machine Trades	1264	1184	1206	1025
Bench Work	795	724	749	759
Structural Work	2415	2048	2571	1869
Misc. Work	2241	2191	2268	1833
Domestic	52	55	78	55
Other Services	2591	2871	2836	2393
INA	4205	2593	3334	2018
TOTAL	19220	17301	18941	15161

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in File, %	45.2	15.7	22.2	39.4	2.4
Placements, %	43.5	14.2	37.5	31.5	2.4

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.1	2.5
Clerical	17.0	12.5
Sales	13.5	15.2
Processing	0.9	1.0
Machine Trades	4.7	4.8
Bench Work	3.8	4.5
Structural Work	9.6	9.6
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.3	2.2
Packaging & Material Handling	10.6	15.4
Domestic	1.0	1.1
Other Services	26.8	30.0
Other Occupations	4.7	1.2

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for May is expected to be 8.8% and in June 9.3%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,004,100	996,500	981,300	+7,600	+22,800
Percent Change				+(0.8)	+(2.3)
Manufacturing	220,600	220,300	210,300	+300	+10,300
Durable Goods	137,500	137,100	127,600	+400	+9,900
Lumber & Furniture	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,200	3,100	3,400	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,500	14,500	14,100	0	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,200	17,300	17,300	-100	-100
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,600	17,000	0	+1,600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,500	13,500	13,500	0	0
Transportation Equipment	53,900	53,500	45,800	+400	+8,100
Motor Vehicles	18,200	17,800	10,200	+400	+8,000
Aircraft & Parts	34,300	34,300	34,200	0	+100
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,100	12,100	12,200	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	83,100	83,200	82,700	-100	+400
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	20,900	21,500	0	-600
Meat Products	1,100	1,200	1,400	-100	-300
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	15,500	15,500	14,800	0	+700
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,500	20,300	0	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+100
Leather & Leather Products	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	+300
Nonmanufacturing	783,500	776,200	771,000	+7,300	+12,500
Mining	3,400	3,500	3,500	-100	-100
Construction	44,000	41,900	40,500	+2,100	+3,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	71,200	71,000	70,100	+200	+1,100
Railroads	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	36,100	35,900	35,000	+200	+1,100
Communications & Public Utilities	27,700	27,700	27,700	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231,500	230,200	227,600	+1,300	+3,900
Wholesale Trade	62,100	62,100	60,400	0	+1,700
Retail Trade	169,400	168,100	167,200	+1,300	+2,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,600	59,200	59,600	+400	0
Service, Except Domestic	235,500	232,000	230,200	+3,500	+5,300
Total Government	138,300	138,400	139,500	-100	-1,200
Total Federal Government	37,400	37,200	37,000	+200	+400
Total State & Local Government	100,900	101,200	102,500	-300	-1,600
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data April, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$436.18	$431.39	$402.38	41.7	41.4	40.4	10.46	10.42	9.96
DURABLE GOODS	462.21	456.42	418.20	42.6	42.3	40.8	10.85	10.79	10.25
Lumber & Furniture	324.79	320.39	287.03	39.9	39.8	39.7	8.14	8.05	7.23
Stone, Clay & Glass	354.11	354.54	371.57	35.2	36.4	35.9	10.06	9.74	10.35
Primary Metal Industries	461.35	455.53	451.17	40.9	40.6	40.5	11.28	11.22	11.14
Fabricated Metal Products	425.46	420.09	396.42	24.0	41.8	40.7	10.13	10.05	9.74
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	442.32	435.92	415.04	41.3	40.4	40.1	10.74	10.79	10.35
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	312.04	309.68	290.97	39.7	39.4	40.3	7.86	7.86	7.22
Transportation Equipment	593.56	586.62	532.47	46.7	46.3	42.7	12.71	12.67	12.47
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	287.93	290.80	294.12	38.7	40.0	39.8	7.44	7.27	7.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	390.57	390.22	279.05	40.1	39.9	39.9	9.74	9.78	9.50
Food & Kindred Products	466.76	467.97	448.03	40.1	40.1	41.6	11.64	11.67	10.77
Textiles & Apparel	218.20	209.12	203.55	39.6	38.3	35.4	5.51	5.46	5.75
Paper & Paper Products	397.20	382.22	398.97	42.3	41.5	42.9	9.39	9.21	9.30
Printing & Publishing	386.08	395.01	397.80	38.0	38.5	39.0	10.16	10.26	10.20
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	456.67	455.18	415.07	42.6	42.5	41.3	10.72	10.71	10.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	595.16	629.84	619.67	42.3	43.8	43.7	14.07	14.38	14.18
Leather & Leather Products	190.10	179.52	181.90	35.6	34.0	34.0	5.34	5.28	5.35
Other Nondurable Goods	295.45	288.51	288.90	39.5	39.2	39.2	7.48	7.36	7.37

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREEN AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The Springfield SMSA labor force expanded by 800 from March to reach 115,500 in April. Approximately 6,900 persons were unemployed in April, down 600 during the 30-day period. The April rate of unemployment, estimated at 5.9 percent of the labor force, is the lowest recorded monthly figure since October, 1981. A strong economy and seasonal influences fostered the reduction.

During April 1983, there were 9,900 unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 8.8 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment, estimated at 91,500, rose 1,000 from March. April represents the third consecutive month in which the total number of nonagricultural wage and salaried jobs posted an increase from the previous month.

Manufacturing employment rose 200 from March reaching a total of 19,100 in April. During the most recent twelve months a jump of 1,400 jobs is noted.

Nonmanufacturing jobs rose from 71,600 in March to 72,400 in April. Nonmanufacturing industries recording the most significant increases during the month include construction (+200) and trade (+300).

During the past year, some of the most notable changes in employment levels include: construction, up 300; trade, up 700; services, down 1,100; and state and local government, down 400.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased from $8.23 in March to $8.25 in April. Average weekly earnings during April amounted to $333.30 and the number of hours worked averaged 40.4 hours.

During April 1983, manufacturing workers hourly wage was estimated at $8.13 and the average factory work week came to 39.3 hours.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to show a slight rise during May. There will be fewer unemployed and the rate of unemployment will continue on the downward trend that was established in February.

Students entering the labor force during June will slow the rate at which unemployment is falling. Payrolled employment will show a decrease in June with the closing of schools for summer vacation.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	91,500	90,500	88,600	+1,000	+2,900
Manufacturing	19,100	18,900	17,700	+200	+1,400
Durable Goods	10,200	10,100	8,900	+100	+1,300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,300	9,200	8,100	+100	+1,200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,800	8,800	+100	+100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,500	3,400	+100	+200
Nonmanufacturing	72,400	71,600	70,900	+800	+1,500
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,200	3,000	2,900	+200	+300
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,800	6,100	+100	-200
Trade	25,200	24,900	24,500	+300	+700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Services	22,300	22,200	21,200	+100	+1,100
Government	11,900	11,800	12,300	+100	-400
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,300	10,200	10,700	+100	-400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data April, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$333.30	$330.85	$319.51	40.4	40.2	39.3	$8.25	$8.23	$8.13
Durable Goods	321.57	320.79	313.53	40.5	40.3	38.9	7.94	7.96	8.06
Nondurable Goods	349.27	343.94	326.38	40.1	39.9	39.9	8.71	8.62	8.18
Food & Kindred Products . . .	402.91	384.63	361.05	43.7	42.5	41.5	9.22	9.05	8.70
Other Nondurable Goods	320.88	322.70	305.75	38.2	38.6	38.9	8.40	8.36	7.86

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